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### KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI MAN SENTENCED FOR DISTRIBUTING CRACK COCAINE

KANSAS CITY, Kan. – United States Attorney Eric Melgren announced that **Carl E. Walton**, 31, Kansas City, Missouri, was **sentenced on February 9, 2004, by U.S. District Judge G. Thomas VanBebber to fifteen years and eight months in federal prison, without parole, to be followed by four years of supervised release.** This sentence was based on Walton's past criminal history which included two violent felony convictions making him a career offender.

Melgren said that Walton entered a guilty plea on November 24, 2003, to one count of distributing crack cocaine.

Melgren stated that Walton admitted as his plea that on February 5, 2003, in Kansas City, Kansas, he sold six baggies containing approximately 19.71 grams (.70 ounce) of crack cocaine to an undercover officer with the Kansas City, Missouri, Police Department.

Co-defendant **Chase M. Murphy**, 33, Kansas City, Kansas, entered a guilty plea on July 21, 2003, to one count of distributing crack cocaine and was sentenced on October 8, 2003, to five years in federal prison, without parole, to be followed by four years of supervised release.

Melgren commended the excellent work of the Kansas City, Missouri, Police Department and the FBI in this investigation and Assistant U.S. Attorney Marietta Parker in this prosecution.